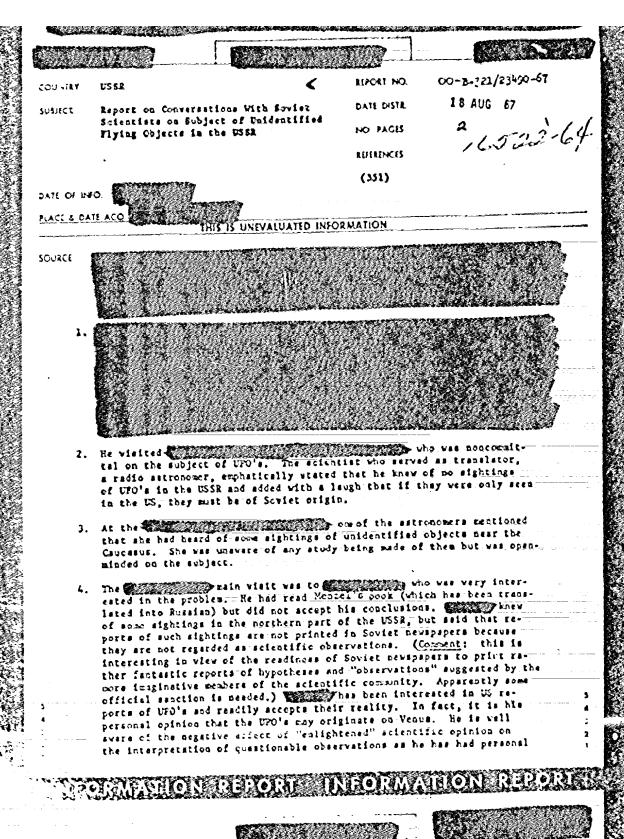


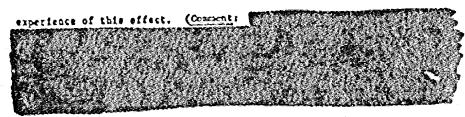
- 3. At the one of the astronomers rentioned that she had beard of some sightings of unidentified objects near the Caucasus. She was unaware of any study being made of them but was open-minded on the subject.
- ested in the problem. He had read Medical G book (which has been translated into Russian) but did not accept his conclusions. In knew of some sightings in the northern part of the USSR, but said that reports of such sightings are not printed in Soviet newspapers because they are not regarded as scientific observations. (Comment: this is interesting in view of the readiness of Soviet newspapers to print rether factastic reports of hypotheses and "observations" suggested by the more imiginative members of the scientific community. Apparently some official sanction is needed.) This been interested in US reports of UFO's and readily accepts their reality. In fact, it is his personal opinion that the UFO's may originate on Venus. He is well aware of the negative safect of "calightened" scientific opinion on the interpretation of questionable observations as he has had personal



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 The ufformed that he and several other astronomers had been out in the countryside one evening and had soon a curious, reddish object flashing through the sky that they were convinced was neither a satellite nor a meteorite. However, their immediate interpretation was that this object might have been a fragment of a satellite or rocket returning from orbit, burning up in the atmosphere.

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- 6. At the age in little interest was above. One of the astronomers, was with the group mentioned by and confirmed the observation of a peculiar object. Be did not discuss the experience in detail but clearly had been struck by the possibility that the object might have been a "saucer."
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- 8. Another astronomer mentioned that in the northern part of Karabhatan there had been repeated sightings of ball lightning.

 That sent a term out to investigate and discovered that what was being seen were reflections of automobile headlights from an inversion layer.
- 9. Later, a discussion was held with the was not very impressed with Menzel's book, but was also not impressed with the significance of the phenomenon. It is possible that some interest was kindled that might lend to additional investigations.
- 10. A sceller spectroscopist, was also interested in this problem.

 She was also dissatisfied with Mensal's book and felt that there was definitely an opportunity for additional research.
- 11. The general feeling one gets is that no official treatment of the UPO problem has been given in the USSR. Instead people refer to the UPO work, principally Meanel's book, to demonstrate the absence of real actentific problems. It the same time, there is an almost universal evercoss of the bistory and characteristics of the phenomenon often associated with considerable interest. The result is that a demonstration of the insdequery of US Official explanations coupled with some proof of the reality of the observations might excite enthusiasm more rapidly among Soviet astronomers than among their US counterparts who are more atroughy influenced by the official ridicula associated with UPO's in

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